

UPDATES

Placer-Nevada Rx Drug Safety Coalition



FENTANYL FACT CHECK

Fentanyl is an important topic in public health right now, and for a clear reason: during the 12-month period between December 2020 and November 2021, CDPH tracked 5,525 fentanyl-related overdose deaths in California (see the full report [here](#)). Fentanyl is a highly potent opioid, so be sure to know these key facts about the substance:

- A fentanyl overdose can effectively be reversed by [naloxone](#), or NARCAN. Multiple doses of NARCAN may be required, and immediate medical attention should always be sought after administration.
- Nevada County has the second highest opioid-related overdose death rate in CA.
- Fentanyl testing strips can often be used to reduce risk of using drugs, and can be obtained [locally](#) in our community. View [this webinar](#) to learn more about test strips and how to use them.

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The Public Health Alliance of Southern California published [Healthy Places Index \(HPI\) 3.0, a dataset & interactive map](#) that demonstrates HPI scores and community conditions across California.

The HPI "supports efforts to prioritize equitable community investments" and "develop critical programs and policies across the state." Check out some key findings from the HPI:

- Placer County scored an 88.5 percentile overall HPI Score, and Nevada County scored at 71.7 percentile.
- Both counties scored below the 50th percentile for clean environment, while both scored above 50th percentile for healthy housing conditions.

View the [full report](#) and check out suggested policy proposals for community conditions with room for improvement based on their HPI score. This knowledge can help us take action towards a healthier community!

COMMUNITY UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Stay in the loop by checking out the following public health and safety resources for our community:

- The next Rx Drug Safety Coalition meeting will be held April 21st, 2022 at 11:30AM on Zoom.
- A new flyer is available to distribute information about where to find naloxone in the Placer-Nevada region. Check out the flyer [here!](#)
- View the [agenda](#) for the upcoming conference: Proactive Practice: Innovations for a Trauma-Informed Workforce and register now!
- Healthcare professionals are needed for the upcoming Placer Stand Down Clinic by California CareForce. The event will be in Auburn, CA on May 3rd-4th. View additional information [here.](#)

Be sure to keep an eye out for our future newsletters and to follow us on social media for more information. Reach out to rxdrugsafety@gmail.com with questions, concerns, or more information on getting involved!



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